

## A CULTURAL FIRST AT LASALLE

# Students Can Explore Ethnic Backgrounds

by Celeste Petelle

They say, "When in Rome, do as the Romans." In France it's "C'est la vie!" But in America it's "Dig up?" Now the students will have the chance to review their own ethnic backgrounds when they attend LaSalle's P.T.A. Ethnic Festival to be held on Feb. 17 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Exhibits and music by the Glee Club will be offered during the

meal in the cafeteria. French, German, Spanish, and Latin students are planning skits and songs. The social studies department is working along with the foreign language clubs by putting up displays.

A singing combo and the Black Cultural Society will have a 20 minute jam session in the gym. Also the Drama Club will present

folk dances. Toward the end of the evening people interested may participate in singing.

Mr. James Pope, president of the P.T.A. said, "The P.T.A. hopes to have this continue as a yearly event." Because this event is being held to commemorate National Brotherhood Week he added, "We would like to create an interest between all schools and get them

involved."

Along with the entertainment everyone will be able to sample foods depicting their own cultural background, which each family or group attending will be asked to contribute.

"We want to show the community what the P.T.A. is doing and how well this is working for LaSalle," says Mr. Pope. "It's a good thing, and it will catch on."

"The students, teachers and parents are playing a big part in this event, and this means a lot to the school," Mr. Pope added.

Mr. Pope enthusiastically concluded, that the school community looks "With pride at the many cultural influences and ethnic groups we have here. Not every school can say this."

Apparently the NCA thought so too. Mr. Hafner said they thought we were a "good example of a melting pot because we run the extremes of low and high economic backgrounds. We have diversified backgrounds and occupations. Every race is represented."

The tickets will be sold for 50¢ at the door. Proceeds will go to build a new "mini-park" that the P.T.A. is building for the students as a place to go during study hall of lunch to relax.

## That Time of Year... Mini Course Selection for Fall

by Chris Nafe

During the week of February 12, sophomores and juniors will choose English courses for the first twelve weeks of next year. Students will elect three courses. According to Miss Korb, head of the English department, 98% of the students usually get their first choice and the rest get one of the courses they have requested.

The elective listing of courses will include several new ones. All literature courses have been narrowed down to one phase except where students do individual work. In this way, the student can be sure of what is required.

Speech II (phase 2-5) is now offered to students who have completed either Speech I or Speech Out (the speech course at Central). The class goes deeper into oral speech techniques, and consists of several timed talks.

A higher phase Mystery and Suspense (phase 1-2) course has also been added. World of the Imagination (phase 3) centers around science fiction, tales of the supernatural, and such modern-day mysteries as the Abominable Snowman and the Loch Ness Monster.

The last new course is a higher

phase Media (phase 1-2) called The Film-The Study of an Art (phase 4). While Media centers communication such as radio, movies, and television, The Film will deal entirely with films. Students will study the movies, scripts, etc. Some films out of class will be required.

The journalism classes have been revised, also. Deadline will cover basically the technical aspects of journalism with some writing.

Since many students have inquired as to which courses to sign up for next year, according to Miss Korb, a list was compiled naming the following choices which should be "almost" required dur-

ing high school for the college-bound students:

1. Either Developmental Reading or Focus on Language.
2. Two writing courses
3. Essay Writing and Research Paper.
4. A speech course.
5. A variety of 3, 4, and 5 phase courses, such as English, Literature, Shakespeare, Identity, American Novel, etc.

Lastly, students should choose courses according to phasing as well as tittles. Miss Korb warns that if a person capable of phase 3-4 work takes a phase 1-2 class, he is wasting his time and the teacher's time.

## Art Students Participate in Awards Program

For the 46th year, the National Scholastic Art Awards Program will take place. With the purpose of encouraging student achievement in creative art, the Regional competition will take place at Robertson's on February 10th through 24th.

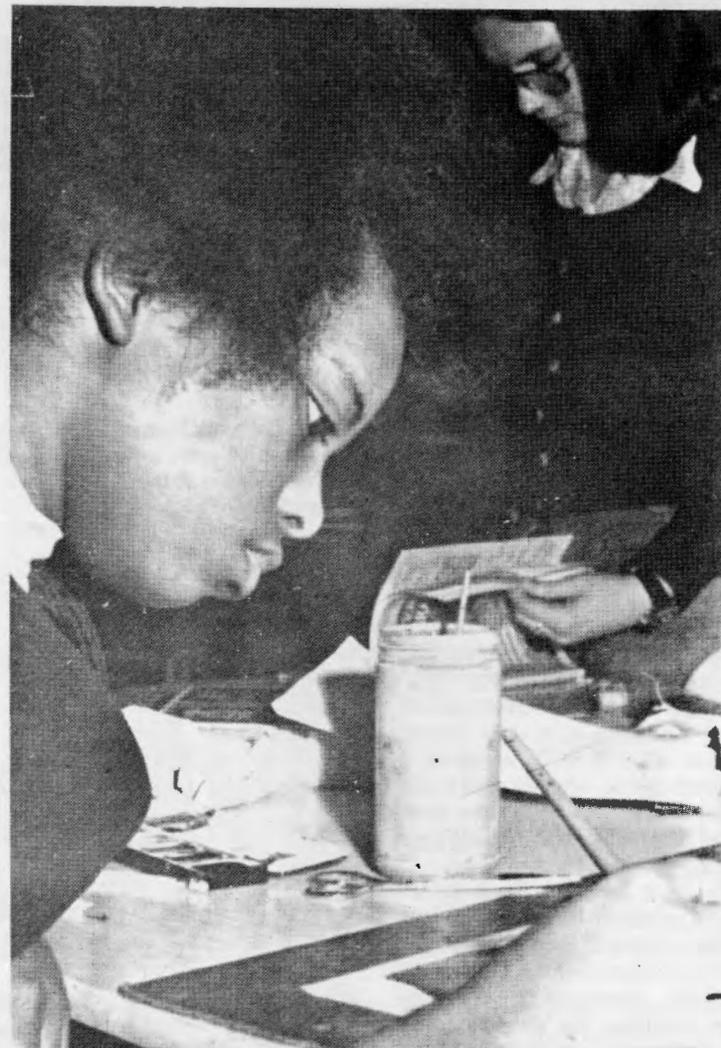
The program, conducted by Scholastic Magazine, will give regional recognition to 100 students. Winners of this phase of competition will receive gold keys and certificates of merit.

From the key winners, the judges will select "blue ribbon winners" to be sent to National competition in New York. Gold medals will be presented to the first prize recipients, along with scholarships or cash awards.

Categories in the program include painting, drawing, printing, design, three-dimensional art, and photography. All entries must be originals.

Fifteen Indiana counties and three from Michigan will participate in the regional showing. Of these, LaSalle will have 160 entries made by 33 students.

"We sent some excellent art work. We should be very competitive," remarked Mr. Alonzo Stivers about LaSalle's chances in the program.



For several months art students have been preparing work for the Scholastic contest underway now. Shown above are Toni Graham and Dagmar Weist.

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## Color for Graduation

February 13 is the day for all seniors (who plan on graduating) to order their caps and gowns. The cost for renting them this year will be \$4.00, which must be paid on this date. Fittings will be taken during homeroom in the new cafeteria.

This year's seniors are the first class to have the choice of wearing gowns of a color other than black. Two votes were taken earlier this year to decide whether or not the girls would wear red caps and gowns while the boys wear the traditional black robes. The first vote included all seniors and was in favor of the color combination. The second time, when only the girls voted, the result remained the same.

The majority of the seniors agree that the gowns are better than the traditional black ones for

several reasons. One senior girl thinks that wearing school colors will give the commencement exercises a more individual touch. She also added that, "Parents who always complain about their sons having long hair will be able to distinguish whether their 'little babies' are male or female."

A minority of the senior girls, however, do not like the new idea. One of them said that "red is not a proper color to reflect the formality and importance of the traditional commencement exercises." She also mentioned that she "looks just awful in red."

Perhaps the seniors will be able to establish a new tradition for future seniors by wearing the school colors for their graduation ceremonies.

# Inconvenient Conveniences

Although LaSalle is one of the newest schools in the city, it continues to possess several "little" inconveniences, designed for our convenience.

Among these modern inconveniences is LaSalle's heating and cooling system which acts somewhat like a camilion; that is, the school is freezing throughout most of the winter, and frying during the warmer months. Speaking of warmer weather, during the April showers, several ceilings have been known to leak.

Other conveniences include the light system. For those seniors who can remember back to their freshman days, the lights signified the beginning and end of class. There were no clocks, so this was also the only means of telling time. In those days, the buzzer did not exist.

The problem with that, though, was that every time the yellow light appeared, students considered the class to be over and conveniently tuned-out the teacher.

The lights are still up on the walls this year, but their meaning is usually a mystery. Either the yellow light glares throughout the entire hour, or else it doesn't work at all. However, the trustworthy buzzer (which sounds as if a prison raid is about to take place), has replaced the lights, it's shrill tone sounding before and after class.

And last but not least are the students drinking fountains. Near the end of the school-day, after an especially tiring class, or when plagued with a coughing spell, a drink of water can seem like a gift from Heaven. However, if you happen to be lucky enough to find a fountain that works, either it's loaded with bubble gum, or else only a faint trickle of water comes out. When the water finally does come out, it's usually lukewarm and unsatisfying. (But... the teachers have an excellent fountain in the main office.)

All schools, however, are faced with some mechanical defects, and LaSalle's (idiosyncrasies) are no exception. But, who knows? As one LaSalle graduate so enjoyably put it, "Remember kids, if you want a fair shake from your conveniences, give 'em half a chance."

## North Central Compliments LaSalle

"South Bend has a right to be proud of LaSalle," commented one of North Central's members, before the evaluation group departed. The North Central Association team, which recently spent three days at LaSalle, thoroughly evaluated all areas of school-life.

The purpose of the group is to conduct a periodic evaluation every six and one-half years of all accredited schools in order to assure that these schools maintain high standards of education.

Although the formal written report will not be released for about three weeks, Mr. Roy Hafner mentioned that North Central's "first reaction was very positive".

Before the group left, some of its members offered a few general comments about LaSalle. One of the men felt that LaSalle is a "strong and healthy school," and that, "on the whole, the teaching staff is excellent." Another member, who said that he enjoyed meeting the students, saw the student body as "a very good

bunch of people."

A few of the members also expressed favorable reactions or LaSalle's newspaper and yearbook publications. One man said he was "impressed with the frankness and openness of the paper."

During their three day visit, the evaluation group also had the opportunity to view one of LaSalle's pep assemblies. The members said that they enjoyed it, and that the assembly itself lasted exactly the right length — "not too

long, and not too short."

"This is a fine place and a good school," concluded one member. "Everybody is leading in a good direction."



Well David, we have created a monster

MONSTER? NCA DIDN'T THINK SO.

### SANTANA TONIGHT \*\*\*

## CONCERTS AND THINGS

by Kerry Shead

Santana, which is appearing in concert tonight at the A.C.C., has appeal. A spoonful of rock with a dash of Latin soul brewed in that great American melting pot. And they've generated enough new heat to get things melting faster.

The London Symphony Orchestra and guest soloists combine for *Tommy* (Ode Records). The day Rod Stewart, Ringo Starr, Sandy Denney, Stevie Winwood, Richie Havens and The Who walked into the studio to record with the orchestra a very dreadful record was made. It's a bloody shame, because with a work as great as the rock opera *Tommy* and a cast as impressive as the above mentioned, the results should have been nothing short of breathtaking.

Here's a flash on Flash in the Can (Capital). Flash are famous for two things: lovely vocal and tasteless album covers. This album has both. Somehow the cover appears pointless; the music is much better than average, and the album would inevitably get attention with out the sexist artwork. And now

with ex-Yes man Tony Kaye's session work gone, Flash can really be themselves...and not Yes.

In The Late Duane Allman, an anthology (Capricorn), Duane and his friends jam through four sides of never-before-heard Allman clas-

sics. Allman Brothers' freaks may be disappointed to find that only one of the four sides is devoted to the music of Duane and the band. The other three sides present a chronological history of Duane's session work.



Faye Purucker, the yearbook editor, won the newspaper contest with her in-depth article on the boys swim team.

Dave Gumkowski's articles recapping recent basketball games won second place. Third place goes to Kerry Shead for his "Concerts and Things," cut short for lack of space.

Special honorable mentions to those who submitted more creative work — the poems in this issue, and "Don't Read This Article," which we won't until next issue.

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Richard Sniadecki and Ron Valentine anticipate what's in store for their (Valentine's Day) lunch.

## Hotline Is There - They Care

"Hello---I have this problem--- I am so lonely---and nobody seems to care..."

Such is one of the kinds of calls that Hotline gets. Other calls include problems on dating, family school, and personal relationships.

The age range of the callers is from 5 to 85 plus. Every race and religion is represented in the area (South Bend, Mishawaka, Niles, etc.).

All calls are Strictly Confidential. Anyone who calls need not give his name. Most do not.

Listeners are trained in a variety of areas and have at their finger tips appropriate community referral resources as a back-up. Hotline is equipped to give referrals for any kind of problem---run-aways, pregnancy, sex, homosex-

uality, VD, drugs, marital pro-child abuse, suicides (which are highest in Dec-Jan), mental and medical problems, alcoholism, and even draft and legal problems. Some callers ask for general information or call because of loneliness.

To the person calling, any one of these problems is the most serious. The length of the calls ranges from 5 minutes to 8 hours.

A typical call might begin with, "Hello, Hotline? Is this the place where you solve problems?"

"No, but we help you solve your problems."

Is Hotline successful?

In 1971, 6318 contacts were made with people seeking help,

information or advice. Of these 5,558 were from persons 20 years of age or younger.

According to one Hotline representative, "Yes Hotline is successful, We wouldn't have as many calls if we weren't effective."

Many callers call frequently to check back and report on progress.

Hotline telephones are manned trained Volunteer Listeners ranging from age 16 through their 50's who have had 18 to 24 hours training to answer calls. A group of professional people (students, teachers, housewives, factory workers, clerks, bankers, nurses, etc.) are also on stand for assistance.

The training sessions include outside speakers, role playing exercises, films and other materials, in addition to work with the Hotline Staff.

Anyone can volunteer. As the hotline motto says, "Hotline is there (282-2323), and they care about you."

## Prom Committees Enthusiastically Plan

Hoping that "enthusiasm of the committees make this senior prom the greatest ever." Connie Gruza is optimistically beginning her duties as this year's General Chairman of the prom activities.

The prom will take place on May 25 at the Indiana Club, and themes

for both the prom and after-prom will be selected later this year by means of a contest.

The committees and their chairman for the event are as follows: Advertisement- Jerry Jamerson Court- Jo Ann Thomas Tickets- Mary Ann Trawick

Refreshments- Sue Sellers

Programs- Kathy Klaybor

Decorations- Mary Finnigan

Anyone wishing to participate in one of the committees should contact Connie Gruza or the committee chairman.

## Decade Marked by Deaths of Prominent Leaders

by Barb Dzikowski

"We have suffered a loss that cannot be weighed," said the new President of the United States Lyndon Baines Johnson, in 1963. At that time, Johnson was referring to the untimely death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and preparing to fill the vacant shoes as the thirty-sixth President of the United States.

The recent death of ex-President Johnson now leaves the United States without a living ex-president for the first time since the 1933 death of Calvin Coolidge. Now, is perhaps, a time for reflection.

As high school students, in our lives the passing of major American leaders has become a frequent occurrence. Within the span of nine years, six vital leaders have died. First, there was John Kennedy. Then, Martin Luther King, Robert Kennedy, and Dwight D. Eisenhower, consecutively. And ex-President Harry S. Truman died only 28 days prior to Johnson's sudden death.

The harrowing circumstances causing Johnson to first assume his role as President served almost as a foreshadowing to the violence and unrest that would penetrate his years as President.

It was this violence that ended the lives of two American leaders within Johnson's term. Martin Luther King was killed in April, 1968 while RFK was active on his

campaign trail. Two months later, Kennedy was to meet his death in the same tragic manner.

One of Johnson's major ambitions was to see the end of violence and war in Viet Nam. He once told his Vice-president, Hubert Humphrey, "I want peace in Viet Nam more than anything."

"I regretted more than anyone could possibly know that I was leaving the White House without having achieved a just, an honorable, and a lasting peace in Viet Nam," continued Johnson in his memoirs, "The Vantage Point." It is therefore, ironical that Johnson died while peace agreements in Viet Nam were underway.

Taking all of these things into prospective, and remembering the death's of yesterday's leaders, it is difficult to look upon the future without a slight trace of sadness. Upon the death of his brother, Robert Kennedy once quoted from "Romeo and Juliet":

"When he shall die,  
Take him and cut him out in  
little stars,  
And he will make the face of  
heaven so fine,  
That all the world will be in  
love with night,  
And pay no worship to the  
garish sun."



Within a decade, six vital American leaders have died. Shown above are the late Senator Robert Kennedy and the late President Lyndon Johnson.

### \*\*\* WHOSE DELINQUENCY?

We read in the paper's  
We hear on the air  
Of killing and stealing  
And crime everywhere.

We sigh and we say  
As we notice the trend,  
This young generation-  
Where will it all end?

But can we be sure  
That it's their fault alone?  
That maybe a part of it  
Isn't also our own?

Kids don't make movies,  
They don't write the books,  
That paint a gay picture  
Of gangsters and crooks.

They don't make the liquor,  
They don't run the bars,  
They don't make the laws  
And they don't buy cars.

They don't make the drugs  
That idle the brain;  
It's all done by older folks,  
Greedy for gain.

In far too many cases  
We find this to be true,  
The label delinquent  
Fits older folks, too.

Sandra Northcutt

### TRIVIA??

At the beginning of this month, the total campaign expenditures of South Dakota Senator George McGovern and newly elected president, Richard M. Nixon, were disclosed. The two year-end reports stated that loser McGovern raised 22.8 million dollars while Nixon raised 50 million dollars.

McGovern showed a \$329,000 deficit while Nixon surplused \$4.8

Surprisingly enough, Nixon won the November '72 election by a landslide margin.

# MATMEN CHAMPS

by Larry Gooden

For the second year in a row, the Lion wrestlers have taken the Sectional. The first place finishers are Bob Bratton, Chris Glueckert, Larry Gooden, Bob Pinckert, and Jack Kosinski. Also going to the regionals Saturday at Adams are the second place finishers Jerry White, Fred Houck, and Lenny Werner.

Bob Pinckert will go into the regionals undefeated in the 158 lb. class. LaSalle grapplers compiled 109 pts.

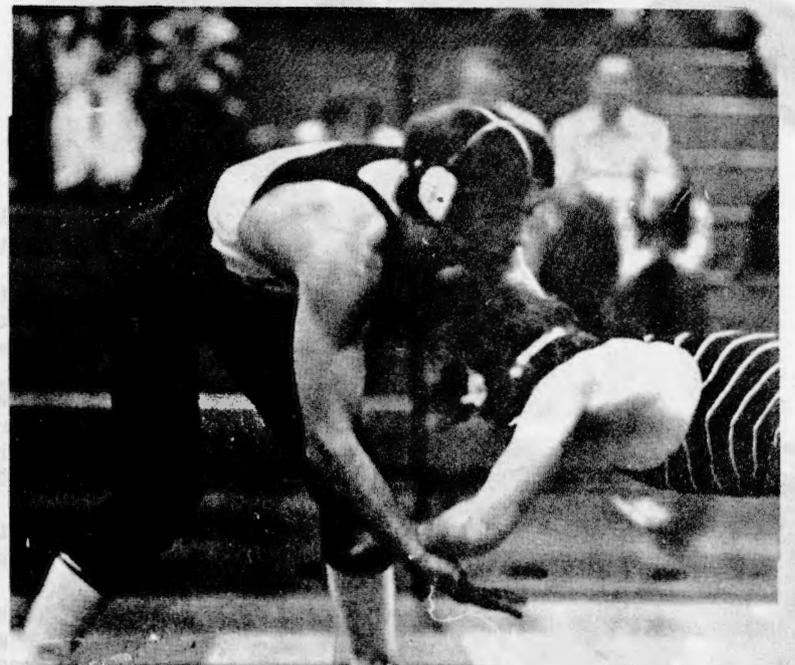
The Lions captured the N.I.V.C. championship for the second time in two years, the fourth in the school's history, with a 5-0 conference record.

Lion wrestlers dominated the January 27 N.I.V.C. tourney meet. The tournament was designed solely for individual place winners, since the team championship is determined by dual meet record.

LaSalle wrapped up six first places, two runner-ups, one third, and three fourth places. Ironically,

Mishawaka, the N.I.C. champions, had won that title for a second straight year and also had six champions as did LaSalle.

N.I.V.C. champions were Ken Noble, 101 lbs., Fred Houck, 122, Larry Gooden, 148, Bob Pinckert, 158, Jerry White, 115, and Jack Kosinski, 170. The runner-ups were Bob Bratton and Chris Glueckert. Third place went to Lenny Werner while Jim Myers, George Kedik, and Marlah Murray captured fourth place.



Chris Glueckert shows the poise which helped him win the 138 lb. Sectional Crown.

## \*\*\* SWIM RECORDS IMPROVE

by Faye Purucker

This year the boys' swim team compiled an even 6-6 record as opposed to last year's losing season. What brought upon this sudden change of pace which has rewarded the swimmers with a long-awaited respectable season? Have there been any super stars descending into the hands of Coach Eberhard?

Certainly not a Mark Spitz or John Kinseth, but perhaps the elements of this gradual success include hard work, experienced, growth, and just a little luck to supplement the drive and determination of the team members who stick it out for three or four years.

Coach Eberhard switched from teaching health to physical education when Mr. Al Thompson resigned from LaSalle at the exit of the '69-70 season. Mr. Eberhard was drafted as the new swim coach. His first season was difficult and disappointing—only three wins out of thirteen tries. LaSalle had just incorporated Central's student body and new swim team members from Central had to adjust to a new pool and a new coach. The team was young; many fine swimmers such as Jim Wilson, Harley Sellers, Barry Gerard, and Jim Kytta had graduated the previous season. There was no longer a freshman class, hence no new talent to develop.

Each year the swim team improves bit by bit and this year the efforts have certainly been monumental. Mr. Eberhard has worked with the seniors for three years and he, along with them, has shaped a nucleus of hard working guys who began to win meets this year. The seniors who have stuck it out include: Bruce Waggoner, Tom "Duck" Staszewski, and Chris Haber. As sophomores their record stood at 3-10, as juniors at 4-9, and as seniors at 6-6.

Junior Kim Purucher was the alternate for the 200 and 400 yd. freestyle and sophomore Fred Koehler was the alternate for the 100 yd. backstroke. The medley relay team consisting of Fred Koehler, Tom Staszewski, Chris Haber and Jim Wroblewski finished fifth, losing to Washington by only one tenth of a second! The 400 yd. freestyle relay team came in fourth place and the sprinters were Bruce Waggoner, Kim Purucher, Dave White and Randy Huff. LaSalle totaled 15 points and was awarded the fourth place.

Is LaSalle fated to finish fourth or fifth every year in the city Meet? It looks that way due to stiff competition from Jackson, Adams, and Clay. LaSalle is incomparable to such teams as Jackson and Adams. Most of the swimmers from those schools either have their own pools or belong to such as Swanson Highlands, Twyckenham Hills, or McKinley Terrace. Most have been swimming competitively since elementary school many swimmers including Dan Harrigan and John Feferman from Adams, and Mark Mamula from Clay previously swam for the Michiana Marlen's, a local A.A.U. team, and three years ago all three guys traveled to the Junior Olympics!

Due to economic factors of the LaSalle district, the swim team does not, and may probably never have this tremendous background. Therefore teams of similar strengths and weaknesses are being sought so that LaSalle can have equal or near equal competition. The

modification of the schedule has definitely improved the team's chances of success.

Swimming has gained strength as a spectator sport at LaSalle. It used to be only the dedicated fans and relatives of LHS swimmers who attended the meets. Now the bleachers in the natatorium are almost filled with cheering spectators. This is certainly a psychological asset.

All of these factors have contributed to the growth and strength of this year's swim team, and hopefully there is a new foundation on which Mr. Eberhard and his future teams can successfully build.

### CITY MEET

The annual city Swim Meet was held on January 27 at Washington High School, with qualifications the previous Thursday night. The only two LHS swimmers to qualify in individual event for the finals were outstanding seniors Chris Haber and Tom Staszewski. Chris qualified for the 50 yd. freestyle with a time of :25.4 and finished sixth with the same time. Tom qualified in fourth place for the 100 yd. breaststroke with a time of 1:08.5 but finished fifth. In addition both were alternates, Chris for the 100 yd. butterfly and Tom for the 200 yd. individual medley.

### Track Sign-up by the 19

Track Coach Thomas Gavin has announced that the last day anyone will be allowed to sign up for the track team will be Monday, Feb. 19.

After that date only transfer students will be allowed to sign up, no matter how good the pro-

spective athlete is, according to Coach Gavin.

Those currently out for a varsity sport should contact Coach Gavin if they plan to participate. Those who think they may be ineligible are also advised to check to make sure they actually are unable to play.

## LION HOCKEY

by John Van Laere

The governing body of the South Bend Community School Corporation voted on the issue of the Michiana Hockey League members using the school name and it was voted down.

Several reasons were given but the most important seems to be that the average person would believe that the sport is belonging to the school, thus the school would have to hold responsibility.

Mr. Hafner gave as an example the problem which could arise if there were an expensive injury. Assuming that the insurance would not pay fully, the school could be taken to court in an attempt to have the corporation pay the bill. In case of a fight, or an injury due to a fight, the parents may come to the school because it was a "school activity."

The best and really the only way to avoid such matters is to not permit the useage of the school name the corporation feels.

This ruling does not hold true, however, for any team in the MHL outside the South Bend Community School Corporation, such as St. Joe or Berrien Springs.

The only way that the Lions hockey team could use the name LaSalle is if the Corporation picks up hockey as a varsity sport which may be done but not forecasted in near future.

### Hockey Record Impressive

So far this year the Ice Lions have compiled an 8-3-2 record against some tough league teams. The only losses have come from division leaders Gary Andrean and Berrian Springs, and from Marian of our division. The Lions will have met Marian again on Wednesday of this week.

As of Feb. 1, the Lions were in a 3-way tie for division lead with Marian and Clay. The second game with Clay will have been played last night at the A.C.U.



Steve Donovan strides toward the crease.

# NUMBER ONE ?

A three-way tie in the N.I.V.C. between Penn, LaSalle and St. Joe will have been broken yesterday. The Lions and the Indians will have met for the second time this season at the A.C.C. The last time the two teams met was in the Holiday Tourney, with the Lions coming out on top.

The Lions and Indians are both tied with a 3-1 record. Penn will in most probability stay in first, after beating LaSalle and losing to St. Joe. The LaSalle squad was beaten by Penn and the Indians were beaten by the Jackson Tigers.

Due to the printing process, the outcome of the LaSalle homecoming could not be printed. The answer—third place or co-champs—has already been decided.

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by Dave Gumkowski

## EAST CHICAGO

East Chicago's Senators tamed LaSalle's Lions by cracking a 63-51 victory whip.

The number two ranked East Chicago Washington team netted the bulk of the twelve point difference in the third quarter. The subduing third quarter had the Senators shine for a ten point

advantage (18-8).

Other than the third quarter, Robert Warren's 17 points and Jim Nowicki's 15 points paced the Lions. Also, Hawk loomed over the backboards and claimed twenty rebounds. Nine other points were swished into the hoop by Dan Kruszewski.

## MARIAN

LaSalle's 103-56 victory over Marian resulted in a record breaking crusade against the Knights.

The crusade broke the records of most points scored by LaSalle in one game and most points scored in one quarter by LaSalle. The new records are 103 and 37 respectively.

The game, which increased LaSalle's NIVC record to 3-1, showed the bench being emptied and five Lions hit double figure scoring. Robert Warren, leading the team, shot for 22 points.

Charles Nailon's 16, Jim Nowicki's 15, and David Herron's 14 points all followed Warren's points closely. Glenn Mitchell was the last duo-figure scorer with 10 points.

## MISHAWAKA

Before a fevered, Hoosier hysteric crowd at the Lion's Lair, LaSalle triumphed over Mishawaka, 70-69.

This game, closely paralleling last year's 74-73 victory at Mishawaka, wasn't for people with weak hearts. The game was tight throughout but the adrenalin surges came as the last seconds on the clock expired.

With 16 seconds remaining to be played (the score 70-69, LaSalle's favor), LaSalle missed a free throw. At 0:08, LaSalle again missed a free shot and Mishawaka got the rebound. The Cavemen went downcourt and shot—only to see LaSalle control the rebound.

In desperation, Mishawaka fouled once more with two seconds remaining. The free throw still wouldn't fall, however, a scramble for the rebound used the remaining time.

The leading scorer, in LaSalle's 7th straight win, with 31 points was Robert Warren. David Herron had a hot hand and accumulated 18 points.

## \*\*\* A LITTLE RAH—RAH

We're LaSalle Lions  
We're at the top  
Once we get started  
We won't be stopped  
We're LaSalle Lions  
Swift and sleek  
We're the team  
That hates defeat  
But one thing I can tell you  
Right from the start  
Pride is a thing  
That comes from the heart  
So if in the future  
We should lose  
You still should follow  
The athletes rules  
And don't let anyone  
Tell you a story  
Stick with your team  
And help win them glory  
For in the future  
You might just say  
I'm glad I was with  
The Lions that day.

Arthur Pfeiffer



by Vic Yeandel

Recently, the tardy policy at LaSalle has come under fire by the students. It seems that students with six or more tardies were surprised by a letter to their parents concerning "more stringent action" if another tardy was to occur. Most students that we talked to complained of the severity of this office policy. Not only did students complain about it, but also they claimed lack of any knowledge that the school actually sent out tardy letters (some of them found out in a hurry

The present official tardy policy reads:

- Fourth tardy — parent contact by office
- Fifth tardy — parent conference
- Repeated tardies — suspension

This policy, although not practiced fully by the attendance office, is too strict. I would like to suggest the GTSROPTP - Gospel Truth Suggested Revision Of the Present Tardy Policy:

- Five tardies — student conference
- Eight tardies — letter to parents
- Ten tardies — "stringent action"

I would also like to suggest that the office tell the students the tardy policy — whatever it is.

## We Need You



The Volunteer Service Bureau is making volunteer opportunities available to students. Here is the current list of services needed:

**Y.M.C.A. BASKETBALL PROGRAM:** The Youth Basketball Leagues need volunteers as coaches, scorers, and timers. Boys range in age from eight years through high school. Eight to twelve year old leagues are on Saturday mornings, high school leagues are on Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

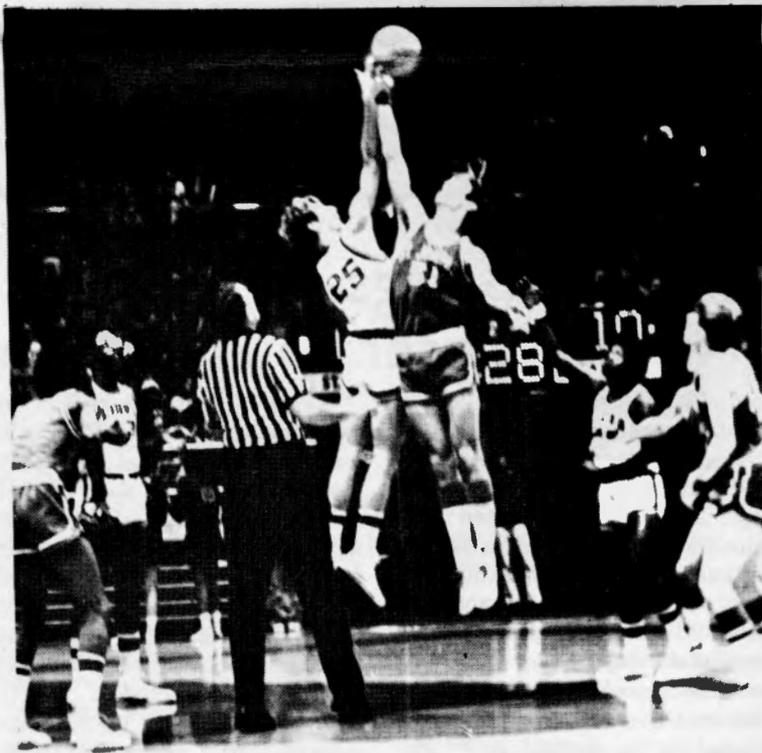
**MODEL CITIES:** The older adult center needs several people for a short term maintenance project. This involves cleaning and painting part of the center, and probably can be done in two week-ends. Other painting jobs may also be available for anyone interested in

working more regularly.

**DAY CARE CENTER:** Volunteers are needed in several centers. Age is not normally a restriction if the volunteer is mature and able to work well with children. It is helpful to have one afternoon free, though one center can use volunteers from 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

**CLERICAL:** The TB League needs volunteers, who are able to give one or two hours after school to help file material from their recent campaign. Several other agencies need typists who can work one afternoon a week.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steve Durako, 287-1806, or visit 123 Hill Street.



Remember the last time we played St. Joe?

## GIRLS WINNING

by Sue Janowski

After an encouraging loss to Jackson three weeks ago, the girls swim team chalked up two more victories, for a 3-1 record (unofficial because of a dispute).

First place in the 200 yd. medley again went to the "big four" - Georgeanne Walker, Becky Cerney, Nancy Walker and Sue Nye. Soph Nancy has broken her school record in the 50 yd. freestyle (35.4) and the 100 yd. breaststroke (1:17.2). Another soph, Sue Nye, who has

her hanu in three current school records, unofficially broke her time in the 50 yd. freestyle. The latest record holder on the team is senior Sherry Schutt, who swam the 100 yd. fly in 1:26.9.

In diving, Marlene Sellers continued her winning streak with no immediate competition in sight. Her winning points were 157.05.

Upcoming home meets are Clay on Feb. 15, at 7 p.m., and Wawasee on March 1, at 7 also.



Any junior or sophomore

interested in working on the

Explorer as Assistant

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Contact either: Mrs. Mathews — Room 101

Roxanne Rau — anywhere anytime

# DEATH OF DEBATE

by Celeste Petelle

Whatever happened to Boris and Ken? What ever happened to LaSalle's Debate team?

According to Ken Hays, "There were some money problems, no interest, so debate died."

Mr. William Moyer felt that "Debate should be done through the English and speech departments," he said, "and it really depends on the people involved."

One other ex-debater remarked "Last year Mr. Poorbaugh enthusiastically tried to interest people in debate, but there wasn't enough interest to learn a skill that would be with you the rest of your life."

But Ken Hays seems to be the "unknown hero" or "the champion defender with no cause" because it was Ken who spent his own money and time attending Northwestern Debate Clinic. He was hard-working and ruthless. One debater said, "In debate you beat somebody, or you brutally beat somebody. Ken was able to do this."

Apparently the problem with debating in the area is that the area corporation high schools aren't allowed to combine. As one debater from St. Joe remarked, "Considering North Central has 4300 students and Lafayette has 2500-3000 students, it's no wonder they have good debate teams. If Adams, St. Joe, and LaSalle

could combine we'd have a great team too!"

Advisors, too, are really important. It's hard to find someone who is willing to spend so much time and effort on debate.

When Ken was asked what he thought about the disintegrated debate team he said, "I wish that it didn't happen but life goes on without a debate team."

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## BLACK - BEAUTIFUL

Black: We are the title, We who slaved to inherit the color. Then we chose this title to mean, we love our Black other.

Blacks, we made up the color which we called soul. This kept us together and a lot of us woke up, and got bold. We wouldn't stand for anymore white man bruises.

We styled our dance to mean something. Then together we got hip. The sisters became more beautiful. They caught on to Afro, french braid, and so forth.

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Lockrett Johnson

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## ACROSS

- LaSalle's principal.
- Chairman of Science Dept.
- Able; to have power
- Indicates failure in school.
- I can ----- go.
- Mr. Vargo's initials.
- cola.
- Vice-president of the U.S.
- Organ of hearing
- Frozen water
- Lion's -----
- Opposite of stop.
- Plant with trunk and branches.
- Assistant Principal David -----
- Initials of Liberian foreign-exchange student.
- Lennon's wife, Yoko -----.
- Vowels: A, E, -----, -----, U.
- False
- Dr. Aguero's initials.
- Lowest college degree.
- Language teacher, Joan Perus -----.
- Me
- Newspaper and Yearbook sponsor, ----- Mathews.
- A corner
- New Human Relations Coordinator (initials)
- D.A.R. award recipient (initials)
- Second highest grade
- First letter of the alphabet.
- Department that teaches athletics.

## DOWN

- Recently left LaSalle to assume position with Street Academy.
- Teachers.



- Senior Class President
- Egyptian Sun-god.
- To present; to bid.
- English teacher, Mr. Edward -----.
- Volkswagon (abbrev.)
- Chemical symbol for sodium
- Coach for Girl's Swim Team
- Head basketball Coach
- English teacher, ----- Johnson.
- Prefix
- Drama Club's fall production, "----- Wanted"
- "In"
- Counselor's initials
- Expressing assent.
- A crowd
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## "FANTASTICS" IN CHICAGO

# Theatre-in-the-Round Brings Action Closer to Audience

by Barb Dzikowski

The bandit gasps, and you can see the wicked glint in his eyes. The girl dreams, and her dazed expression needs no words to enforce it. The angry man stamps his foot, and you can feel the vibration. A television set comes to life.

This is the impression an audience gets when viewing a play performed in a theatre-in-the-round arrangement. The stage, being circular, brings the audience closer to the players, and as a result, the atmosphere is much more intimate.

A couple of months ago, "The Fantasticks", a play starring Rich-

ard Chamberlain (T.V.'s ex-Dr. Kildare, mentioned in the Explorer several issues ago), came to the Arlington Park Theatre, near Chicago, and it was performed on a circular stage. Because of the intimacy of the small theatre, the play was much more enjoyable than it would have been if performed on a standard stage. Every expression on the actor's face was clearly detectable, even to the people seated in the farthest row. The theatre consisted of only ten rows built around the small black stage area, and the back row was a mere seventeen feet from the stage.

The most thrilling aspect of the two-and-a-half hour performance was experiencing actual eye-contact with the actors as they wisked around the stage. Very few props were used, but those which were used were transparent so that all sides of the audience could view the action equally. The performers were never more than a few feet away from the front row.

"The Fantasticks", which had enjoyed a brief, successful run on Broadway several years ago, is a cute, light-hearted production, accompanied by several pert musical arrangements. The music was provided by a small group of musicians, who played in the tiny orchestra pit off one side of the stage.

Perhaps, LaSalle should consider building its own theatre-in-the-round for simple productions such as "The Fantasticks". This would be extremely beneficial to the audience, who feel compelled to take part in the action, when the performers are so close.

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